

OSC Notes for Public Meeting:

CES Environmental Services, Inc. (CES): operated an oil/chemical reclamation facility

1999: CES began operations

2010: CES files for Bankruptcy Protection (Trustee Assigned)

Thru 2014:

- Numerous citizen complaints about facility.
- Vandalism/Theft of facility assets.
- Sporadic cleanup actions by the Trustee/Estate (Actions dwindled as funds dwindled)

2014 (Mar): Vandalism/Theft occurs that results in the dumping of contents of 7 roll-off boxes to the ground surface and the dumping of materials within 2 Tankers Trucks into other storage vessels/secondary containment. TCEQ/EPA become involved.

TCEQ takes lead and requires actions by the Trustee/Estate.

2014 (July): Vandalism causes spill from Tanker Trailers. Spilled material carried by storm water into community to the South (Kingsbury). City of Houston responds and address immediate spill response issues. TCEQ responds and addresses subsequent spill cleanup issues on and off-site as well as site stabilization issues. EPA responds to support TCEQ and addresses site security issues as well as source and spill sampling (air, water, soil, waste)

2014 (Aug): EPA begins extensive on-site container sampling activities (Removal Assessment)

- Objective: Obtain data for waste characterization and disposal purposes
- Haz Waste on Site: Phenols (Cresols), Benzene, Chromium, Lead
- Misc Chemicals: Various Oil Compounds, Solvents,

2014 (Sept): EPA begins removal action activities (Removal Action)

- Objective: Remove all containerized chemicals
- Objective: Cleanup visible spilled material from soil, concrete/asphalt
- Objective: Address debris and other on-site environmental concerns as funding allows.

2014 (Sept to Present)

- Vacuum Boxes: All but 2 CES vacuum boxes/roll-off boxes have been transferred and sent off-site for disposal. The remaining are expected to go off-site by December 19.
- Frac Tanks: Contents of 3 Frac Tanks have been sent off-site for disposal. Materials from 8 others expected to go off-site by December 19.
- ASTs: Liquids from 5 ASTs have been sent off-site for disposal (Sludge will have to be removed/disposed). Working on trying to get additional ASTs completed by December 19.
- Totes/Drums: Segregating totes/drums for field sampling and bulking for disposal. Will be completed after the New Year.
- Visually Contaminated Soils: Some of this material has been removed and placed into roll-off boxes for disposal. More remains to be done.
- Storm water Management: Storm water is being managed to reduce the amount of contaminated storm water flowing off-site into storm drains by discharging into the sanitary sewer.

2014 (Sept/Oct): TCEQ begins Preliminary Assessment Activities for EPA. These activities also support State Superfund Activities.

- Beginning of Superfund Remedial Process

2014 (Oct): Superfund Enforcement

- State Superfund: TCEQ has had discussions concerning future cleanup activities with companies that previously sent waste to the CES Facility. It appears that a State Level PRP Group is forming.
- Federal Superfund: EPA is reviewing 120 Boxes of CES Business Records to obtain information about companies that sent wastes to CES to determine liability/viability. Should the State Level PRP Group materialize and timely and acceptable cleanup activities move forward EPA will monitor the continuing progress through the State.